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HEALTH, MEDICAL & FAMILY WELFARE DEPARTMENT
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COVID-19 - ISSUE OF FURTHER MEASURES UNDER EPIDEMIC DISEASES ACT, 1879 FOR CONTAINMENT OF COVID-19 IN THE STATE OF ANDHRA PRADESH.

[G.O.Rt.No.215, Health, Medical & Family Welfare (B2), 24th March, 2020.]

Read the following :

1. G.O.Rt.No.189, HM & FW (B2) Dept. Dt:13.03.2020.
2. G.O.Rt.No.202, HM & FW (B2) Dept. Dt:18.03.2020.
3. G.O.Rt.No.204, HM & FW (B2) Dept. Dt:19.03.2020.
4. G.O.Rt.No.209, HM & FW (B2) Dept. Dt:22.03.2020.
5. G.O.Rt.No.210, HM & FW (B2) Dept. Dt:23.03.2020.
6. G.O.Rt.No.211, HM & FW (B2) Dept. Dt:23.03.2020.
7. Dr YSRAHCT/P&C/COVID-19/DrYSRAS/2020, Dt:11.03.2020.

NOTIFICATION

In exercise of the powers contained under Sec 2, 3 & 4 of Epidemic Disease Act, 1897, the Governor of Andhra Pradesh hereby issue the following measures for containment of COVID-19.

2. Whereas State Government has decided to invoke provisions of Epidemic Disease Act, 1897 vide Notification No. Corona 2020/HM&FW/01 dated. 23rd March, 2020 from the date of issue of the Notification.

3. Therefore in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 2, 3 & 4 of the Epidemic Disease Act, 1897, Government of Andhra Pradesh is pleased to frame the following Regulations for Prevention and Containment of Coronavirus Disease – 2019 (COVID-19):

1. These Regulations may be called 'The Andhra Pradesh COVID-19 Regulations, 2020'.
2. COVID-19 means the Coronavirus Disease caused by Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome Corona Virus 2 (SARS CoV 2) as defined by the World Health Organization (WHO)/ Government of India.
3. 'Empowered officer' under Section 2(1) of the Act shall be Commissioner, Health & Family Welfare, Director of Public Health & Family Welfare, Director of Medical Education, Commissioner APVVP, All District Collectors & Municipal Commissioners & they are empowered to take such measures which are necessary to prevent the outbreak of COVID – 19 or the spread thereof within their respective jurisdictions.
4. Officers empowered under the Act, are Authorized to isolate and / or admit a person who develops asymptomatics simulating that of COVID -19 infection as per the case definition criteria published by WHO or Government of India from time to time. The empowered officer may initiate action under the Section 188 of Indian Penal Code (48 of 1860) against the person who refuses to comply.
5. In event of COVID-19 being reported from a defined geographic area such as village, town, ward, colony, settlement, the Collector of the concern District/ Municipal Commissioner of the concerned Municipal Corporation shall be competent to implement following containment measures, but not limited to these, in order to prevent spread of the disease:
 - i. In view of increase in the no. of suspected cases in the State, the Government of Andhra Pradesh hereby decided to invoke the Section-2 of the Epidemic Act, 1897 wherein the State Government is satisfied that the outbreak of the COVID-19 is slowly threatening the normal population through local transmission and in order to supplement and complement the existing arrangement in the Government tertiary hospitals for the time being in force, for the purpose of accommodating the suspected cases and managing the COVID-19 confirmed cases, the State Government is herewith empower the District Collector & Magistrates to take such measures and by public notice prescribed any temporary Regulation, especially taking over of the isolation Rooms / Wards / Blocks / Entire Private hospital, as he/she shall deem fit necessary to prevent the outbreak of COVID – 19 and spread thereof. The District Collector & Magistrates may also determine in what manner, the expenses incurred by such institutions during this entire process may be borne.

- ii. All the Public and Pvt. Medical establishments are hereby instructed to comply with the orders of the District Collector and Magistrate, issued in the interest of Public Health.
 - iii. Any Medical Professionals (including Doctors, Nursing & Paramedical Staff etc both working & retired) of both Public & Private Medical Establishments and Institutions should attend the duties as when required as per the instructions of the empowered Authorities.
 - iv. All the Private Hospitals shall treat the eligible beneficiaries of suspected and confirmed (positive) COVID-19 cases under the Dr YSR Aarogyasri Scheme as per the Circular issued by the CEO, Dr YSR Aarogyasri in the reference 7th read above.
6. Any person/Medical establishment/ Organization found violating any provision of these Regulations shall be deemed to have committed an offence punishable under Section 188 of Indian Penal Code (45 of 1860). Empowered officers may penalize any person/Medical establishment/ Organization found violating provisions of these Regulations or any further orders issued by Government under these Regulations.
7. No suit or legal proceedings shall lie against any person for anything done or intended to be done in good faith under this Regulation unless proved otherwise.
4. These Regulations shall come into force immediately and shall remain valid for a period of one year, or until further orders, whichever is earlier from the date of publication of this notification.

NILAM SAWHNEY,
Chief Secretary to Government.

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